

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of managing building options, comprising:

obtaining from a first user an indication of at least one available new building option for ~~at least one of~~ constructing a new building ~~and modifying an existing building;~~

causing the at least one available new building option to be electronically accessible to a second user;

providing information electronically on the at least one available new building option to the second user;

obtaining electronically from ~~said~~ the second user an indication of at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option; and

providing the indication of the at least one choice to ~~said~~ the first user.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the indication of the at least one available new building option is obtained electronically.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the indication of the at least one choice is provided to ~~said~~ the first user electronically.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the first user inputs ~~said~~ the indication of the at least one available new building option at a first computing unit and ~~said~~ the second user inputs ~~said~~ the indication of the at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option at a second computing unit coupled to the first computing unit via a communications network.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the communications network is a global computer network.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one available new building option comprises at least one building component.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising electronically providing information on the at least one building component to ~~said~~ the second user.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ the at least one building component comprises a household appliance, and wherein ~~said~~ the information comprises information relating to ~~said~~ the household appliance.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said~~ the information comprises pricing information.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said~~ the information comprises an image of ~~said~~ the household appliance.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said~~ the information comprises performance information of ~~said~~ the household appliance.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising electronically providing information on the at least one available new building option to ~~said~~ the second user.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein ~~said~~ the information comprises product category information.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one available option is electronically accessible to ~~said~~ the second user only if ~~said~~ the second user first electronically transmits a valid password.

15. (currently amended) A system of managing building options, comprising:

a first processor adapted to obtain from a first user an indication of at least one available new building option; and

a second processor being adapted to allow the at least one available new building option to be electronically accessible to a second user, said second processor being adapted to obtain electronically from said second user an indication of at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option, and said second processor being adapted to provide the at least one choice to said first user.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein said first user inputs said indication of the at least one available new building option at a first computing unit and said second user inputs said indication of the at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option at a second computing unit coupled to the first computing unit via a communications network.

17. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the communications network is a global computer network.

18. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the at least one available new building option comprises at least one building component.

19. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein said processor is adapted to electronically provide information on the at least one building component to said second user.

20. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein said at least one building component comprises a household appliance, and wherein said information comprises information relating to said household appliance.

21. (original) The system of claim 20, wherein said information comprises pricing information.

22. (original) The system of claim 20, wherein said information comprises an image of said household appliance.

23. (original) The system of claim 20, wherein said information comprises performance information of said household appliance.

24. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the at least one available new building option is electronically accessible to said second user only if said second user first electronically transmits a valid password.

25. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein said first processor ~~and said second processor comprise the same processor~~ is adapted to allow the at least one available new building option to be electronically accessible to a second user, said second processor being adapted to obtain electronically from said second user an indication of at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option, and said second processor being adapted to provide the at least one choice to said first user.

26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) At least one program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of managing building options, said method comprising:

obtaining from a first user an indication of at least one available new building option for ~~at least one of constructing a building and modifying an existing building;~~

causing the at least one available option to be electronically accessible to a second user;

providing information electronically on the at least one available new building option to the second user;

obtaining electronically from ~~said~~ the second user an indication of at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option; and

providing the indication of the at least one choice to ~~said~~ the first user.

28. (currently amended) The device of claim 27, wherein said indication of the at least one available new building option is obtained electronically.

29. (original) The device of claim 27, wherein said indication of the at least one choice is provided to said first user electronically.

30. (currently amended) The device of claim 27, wherein said first user inputs said indication of the at least one available new building option at a first computing unit and said second user inputs said indication of the at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option at a second computing unit coupled to the first computing unit via a communications network.

31. (original) The device of claim 30, wherein the communications network is a global computer network.

32. (currently amended) The device of claim 27, wherein the at least one available new building option comprises at least one building component.

33. (original) The device of claim 32, wherein said method further comprises electronically providing information on the at least one building component to said second user.

34. (original) The device of claim 33, wherein said at least one building component comprises a household appliance, and wherein said information comprises information relating to said household appliance.

35. (original) The device of claim 34, wherein said information comprises pricing information.

36. (original) The device of claim 34, wherein said information comprises an image of said household appliance.

37. (original) The device of claim 34, wherein said information comprises performance information of said household appliance.

38. (currently amended) The device of claim 27, wherein said method of managing building options further comprises electronically providing information on the at least one available new building option to said second user.

39. (original) The device of claim 38, wherein said information comprises general product category information.

40. (currently amended) The device of claim 27, wherein the at least one available new building option is electronically accessible to said second user only if said second user first electronically transmits a valid password.

41. (currently amended) A system for managing building options comprising:

means for obtaining from a first user an indication of at least one available new building option for at least one of constructing a building and modifying an existing building;

means for causing the at least one available new building option to be electronically accessible to a second user;

means for providing information electronically on the at least one new building option to said second user;

means for obtaining electronically from said second user an indication of at least one choice from among the at least one available new building option; and

means for providing the indication of the at least one choice to said first user.